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This book offers a comprehensive history of the parent cooperative preschool movement, a unique educational system that attained its peak in the 1950s and 1960s. The book uses interviews with pioneers and current members of parent cooperatives, official documents, periodicals, and scholarly publications to offer a history that weaves the development and expansion of parent cooperatives with the growth of ideas about early childhood education. The narrative focuses on parent cooperatives in the years after World War II and presents a case for the influence that parent participation plays in promoting nurturing fathers and mothers who are community leaders. The book asserts that current trends indicate a resurgence of parent-initiated and parent-operated preschools in the United States and other countries. The book's sections are: (1) "Origins of Preschool Education"; (2) "Formative Decades of Cooperative Nursery Schools"; (3) "Establishing the Co-op Movement, 1940s-1960s"; (4) "California's Parent Participation Preschools"; (5) "An Internship in Leadership Development"; (6) "Changing Roles in American Families"; (7) "Would These Be Considered Co-ops?"; (8) "Parent Cooperative Preschools International"; (9) "One World for Families and Children"; and (10) "An Exploration of Trends and Potentials." (Contains approximately 400 references.) (EV)

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